(c) and (d) In order to ensure effective implementation of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs, each Ministry/Department is required to appoint Liasion Officers. In offices under the control of each Head of Department also, Liasion Officers are nominated for work relating to representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in such offices. Cases of negligence or lapses in the matter of following the reservation and other orders relating to SCs, STs and OBCs coming to light through the inspections carried out by the Liaison Officers or otherwise, are to be reported/submitted by them to the Secretary/Additional Secretary to the Government in the respective Ministry/Department or to the Head of the Department in respect of offices under the Head of Department, as the case may be.

Pulse scam

3886. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI which has been examining cases of forgery in the letters of credit in the multi crore pulse scam has since sent letter Rogatory to U.A.E. to seek information about Dubai based importers who had connived with the Indian companies in flouting the export ban;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government of U.A.E. in this regard;

(c) the name of Indian companies whose premises have recently been raided and the details of incriminating documents seized from them; and

(d) by when the chargesheets in the court against the accused persons are likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CBI has been investigating the cases of alleged forgery in the letters of credit in the multi-crore pulse export but no Letter Rogatory has been sent to so far.

(c) Searches were conducted in the premises of M/s. Jet King International, M/s/ K.R. B.L. Ltd, and M/s. Kohinoor Foods Ltd., all in

Delhi on 30.03.2007. Incriminating documents including computer hard disks related to export transactions have been seized. It will not be appropriate to disclose details of seizures/recoveries made in these searches at this stage since disclosure may impede the course of investigation in these cases.

(d) The cases are at the initial stage of investigation and no time limit can be indicated for completion of investigation and filing the chargesheets.

Assessment of RTI Act

3887. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of RTI Act for its use and misuse after its implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have restricted some departments from furnishing information under RTI Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof with names of such departments;

(e) whether the file noting falls under the RTI Act;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the departments that have refused to give information under RTI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) the provisions of the RTI Act do not apply to intelligence and security organizations specified in the enclosed statement to this Act except in respect of information pertaining to the allegations of corruption and human rights violations. (*See* below)

(e) and (f) The Department of Personnel and Training, on its website, has stated that the term 'information', as defined in Section 2 (f) of the Act, does not include 'file notings'.